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Iowa Veterans Home Makes Way for Progress

The Iowa Veterans Home (IVH) has taken the first visible steps towards implementing a \$100 million construction and renovation project. During the past few days, crews were on the IVH grounds to demolish three homes previously used for staff physicians and business manager residences. This step will make way for new construction as part of Phase 1 of the IVH Master Plan.

Phase 1 will include a new 120-bed nursing facility and a 60-bed pavilion that will provide a more home-like atmosphere for IVH residents. These new buildings will create a flexible and adaptable environment for changing needs of the next generation of veteran residents.

The cost estimate for Phase 1 is \$42 million, of which \$14.4 million is funded by the State of Iowa and \$26.7 million is funded through the Federal Veterans Administration Construction Grant Program. Groundbreaking on the new buildings is expected to take place in Spring 2009.

Phases 2 through 4 include additional new construction and renovation of existing structures. In April 2008, Governor Culver signed legislation to provide \$20 million to fund Phases 2 through 4, and the IVH has submitted an application to the Federal VA Construction Grant Program for the remaining funds.

The Iowa Veterans Home is a leader in providing individualized quality health care for nearly 750 Iowa veterans and their spouses. IVH expertise in nursing, medical, rehabilitative care and mental health services is strengthened by 1,000 employees and a network of many veterans organizations across Iowa. To learn more about the IVH, please visit us at www.iowaveteranshome.org.

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[Photo] Crews prepare the site for a 60-bed pavilion at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown as part of a \$100 million construction and renovation project.